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backstage

by David Taylor

As we walked down the stairs the chief spokesman for our welcoming party very politely said to make a sharp right and head for the waiting limousines. We cleared customs, grabbed our shoulder bags and then dutifully prepared to do as we were told. What we were not told was that several thousand loyal British friends had waited for hours in anticipation that the afternoon Concorde would arrive with Mr. M. They were not disappointed. And neither were we. In fact... we were far from it.

We were overwhelmed.

I remembered scenes from the Beatles in "Help!" or from the early days of Elvis Presley or Frank Sinatra. What it was in pictures, however, was a lot different from what it was in real life.

Thousands, upon thousands, of truly great friends of Barry... all eager to say

welcome to London, welcome back, and welcome home to your fans... presented a human barrier between us and the only way we knew to escape from the airport. But we were not afraid. We had survived the Great Crush of Columbia, the Gang at the Greek, the Torrents in Toronto... we were invincible. Hah... what a joke. True to form... we locked elbows... recreated the great flying wedge formation... and prepared for another easy mad dash through the crowd. Think... boy were we wrong. Instead of a speedy escape... we made a lingering lunge for the limos. And not too well, I should add. Up ahead, Paul and I watched as two special security officers grabbed Barry by the elbows and literally lifted his entire 74 inches off the ground. Between us, Paul and I sheltered Roberta, pushed and shoved, saved the cameras, and somehow managed to fall into the back seat of a car. We crossed our fingers and hoped that it was one of ours.

Somewhere along the way I remember that Barry stopped to say hello to the representatives of the British chapter of the BMIFC, signed

a few autographs, and waved for a few photographers.

Somewhere along the way I remember losing track of a pair of gloves, a Kodak Instamatic, and my souvenir scarf from the 1978 Tour.

But that doesn't matter... because somewhere along the way I remember being engulfed in the warmth of many, many friends who were there only to share their excitement, their enthusiasm, and their love.

As a native born American, I was raised on the image of the "British" as being reserved, polite, and uptight. Boy... was that ever a wrong image. I have never met such warm, generous, and loving people. From the staff at ARTISTA, Barry received a gaggle of goodies about London... maps, books, pictures, buses, toys, teas, and trinkets. And from his fans he received daily deliveries of flowers, gifts, and good wishes for his success at Wembley.

And WOW... what a success.

We really didn't expect it... and when it arrived, we really didn't know quite how to react.

What happened? An audience that went crazy!!! A crowd that yelled, and screamed, and shouted, for

more. A night that all of us will remember as very, very, very special. So special, in fact, that Ma Bell must have blown her bells when she recorded the number of overseas calls to announce the response to Barry's opening night.

Several nights later Barry opened, played, and closed at Bingley... to a crowd of fans that strove to surpass themselves and the warmth they conveyed to the stage. You know... this is really strange.

So far... in each issue... I have written about a very special moment... or thought... or event. This column, however, represents more than that. It represents a very special time... a time that we all spent inundated with the love and warmth of people that I have grown to consider very much as my own.

I don't know who ended up with my gloves, my Instamatic, or my souvenir scarf. But that's alright. It doesn't matter.

What does matter... is that I had a very special time in England. From the Tower of London... to the lights in Picadilly. London... you're OK. And England... go ahead and keep the scarf. What you gave to me... was much more than I can ever return.



"I LEFT MY HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO" ... photo by Roxanne Petersen

SPECIAL REQUEST

From Mr. M himself, no less, we have a Special Request...to request your Top Ten Favorite Manilow Songs. Now that means any song...that Barry has ever recorded. So when listing your personal Top Ten favorites...remember to consider any of the songs recorded by Barry...on any of his albums. Then...after you've considered all of his albums...send your list of your Top Ten Favorites (listed in order) to:

David Taylor
BMIFC—TOP TEN
P.O. Box 1649
Covina, California 91722

Watch for our announcement regarding the results of this secret survey in a future issue of your BarryGram.



WOULD I LIE??

En route to his concert in Champaign, Illinois...Barry made a fast dash into The Little Corporal lounge where he debuted as a cocktail piano player 12 years ago. Though the staff and patrons were somewhat startled... the current piano player, Allen DeBlasio, watched Barry walk through the doorway and went right into "I Write the Songs," said "Hi Barry!!" and didn't miss a note.

Allen admitted later that a local gas station attendant had phoned to tip him off after Barry stopped to ask for directions.



LIGHT YEARS

by Rose Picardi
McKeesport, PA

You'll never know me.
Section B 24, Row H
On a balmy night in Pittsburgh;
One of legions.

You'll never know me.
I sent you a lone red rose
Painstakingly tied with blue ribbon.
(Did you ever get to touch it?)

There, light years away.
You glisten:
Hope of lost spirits.
Dream turned reality.

Softly you beckon me
From the fading embers of another
cosmos...
From a legacy
Of dreams deferred and hopes denied.

Strange that our only links
Are a voice on the radio,
A smile on a silent poster,
And a poem that never rhymes.

But right now,
This night,
This moment
With you—
I am here.
And I am touched
Beyond words.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

by Denise Baker
Erie, PA

The time has come,
it is finally here.
As he walks on stage,
I begin to cheer.

As he sings his ballads,
I start to cry.
When it comes to intermission,
I begin to sigh.

It doesn't seem fair;
It doesn't seem right.
Only one more hour
of this magical night.

As the lights go dim,
and it becomes a new day,
the magic leaves my soul,
but those memories will stay.

Barry

ANOTHER BRIGHT IDEA

How about this? Some of you reading this issue of the BarryGram are new members...still waiting to receive your New Member Membership Kit. We were going to wait until you received your kit before we sent you your first issue...then we decided it would be a better idea to go ahead and send you your first issue even though we have yet to send you your kit. Then we decided we were all thoroughly confused and probably no more organized then we were the last time we had this problem. So we went ahead and sent you this issue. And then...as soon as we can...we'll send you the new edition of the membership kit. And then...we'll sit down...put our feet up...have a cup of coffee...and come up with another bright idea.

THE CITIES AND TOWNS THAT WE'RE IN

We've grown...one more time...again. This time we've added as yet another loyal chapter of the BMIFC...in Holland, no less. In case you'd like to join...write...or send a note of welcome, the official address is:
Holland Barry Manilow
Fan Club
Postbus 6024
3503 PA Utrecht



by Gary Adams

WHAT'S MR. M'S MIDDLE NAME? D.J. Thompson, Arvada, Colorado
Barry's middle name is NMN...which stands for "No Middle Name." Seriously, he doesn't have one.

WHY DO THEY PRINT THE MUSIC IN BARRY'S MUSIC BOOKS IN A DIFFERENT KEY THAN THE KEY IN THE ALBUMS? John Mnich, Sparta, New Jersey

Check again, John. We asked Barry directly and he said that all the music is printed in the same key as the records. He suggested that your record player might be playing a little too fast...this could throw the music into another key.

DOES BARRY SING IN SPANISH? Angelica Zarate, Mexico City, Mexico

He not only sings...but also dances in Spanish. In fact

"Copacabana" was released as a 45 in both English and Spanish. During the Tour...Barry would sometimes joke around and throw in a couple of Spanish verses of "Copa."

WHO IS NINA FOCH...THE LADY TO WHOM THE ALBUM IS DEDICATED? Vanessa Watkins, Richmond, Virginia

In addition to being a very good friend of Barry's, Miss Foch is a highly respected actress and acting coach. Barry has been a student of Miss Foch's for more than a year.

THE "I MADE IT THROUGH THE RAIN" ON THE ALBUM IS NOT THE SAME SONG BARRY SANG IN CONCERT AT CONCORD PAVILLION. WHO CHANGED THE WORDS? Lily Wong, San Francisco, California

That's right Lily. The original version was strictly about a musician. Barry thought it would be a better song if everyone, including non-musicians, could relate to the words and asked his friends Jack Feldman and Bruce Sussman to help him rewrite the lyrics.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENS TO ALL THE LETTERS AND GIFTS THAT ARE TAKEN BACKSTAGE TO BARRY'S DRESSING ROOM? THE LOCAL SECURITY MEN SAY THEY ALL GO IN THE DUMPSTER. Carol Mercer, Baldwinville, New York

First of all, the local security men don't have anything to do with the gifts...and don't know what they are talking about. Secondly...all of the gifts are delivered to Barry...then shipped to his home in Los Angeles. Because of the never-ending thousands of toys and stuffed animals that he receives...many are then donated to a local children's hospital.

DOES BARRY SMOKE? Mary Jean Trezza, Irvington, New Jersey

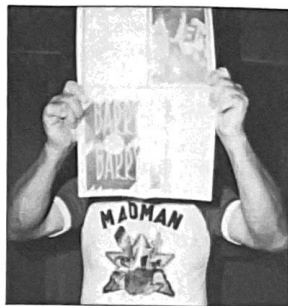
NO!!! And in fact, worked very hard to quit smoking several years ago. He has since donated his time to record radio spots for the Heart Association urging other people to quit.

DID BARRY EVER WEAR BRACES? Susan Chan, Oakland, California

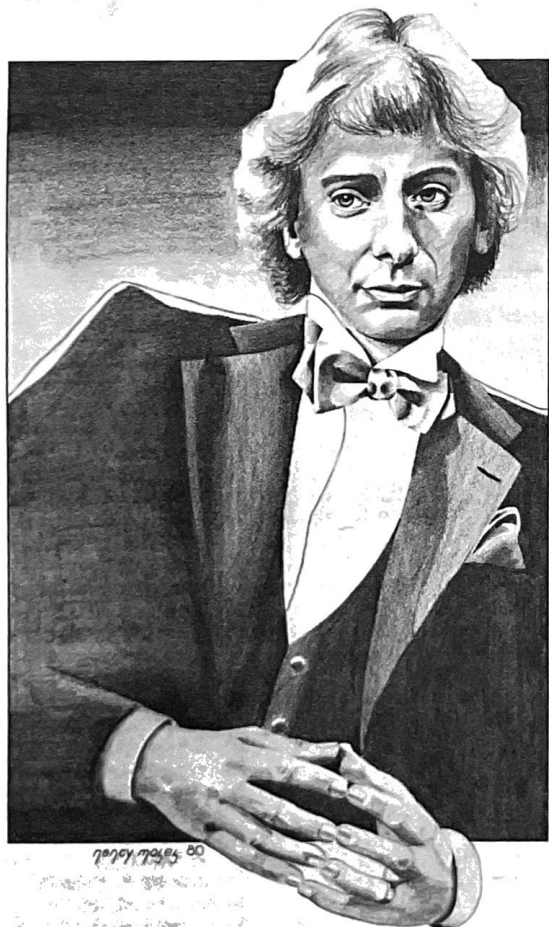
Yes.

HOW ABOUT A PICTURE OF THE FAN CLUB STAFF? Diane Scheinpflug, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Though we'd hate to inflict that much pain on our readers, we tried to round them up and honor your request. Unfortunately, the only one we could ever find standing still was MadMan Mickey Morgan. His picture follows.



Barry



BYE BYE, SO LONG, FAREWELL

Cause it's going to be curtains for your membership if you don't re-up pretty soon. To know when your membership is ready to bite the dust...in fact, to know that this is the last issue you'll receive of the BarryGram...just check your membership number just above your name on the mailing label of the BarryGram. If the last four digits of your membership number are either...7804...7807...7810...7901...or 7904...then that means this is it.

So don't wait any longer. Right this second...grab a pen. Fill out the renewal application...and send it along with your cash, check, or money order for \$7.00 payable to the BMIFC...today. Don't wait. Do it now.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
COUNTRY _____

—Remember...Memberships outside the United States are \$10.00—
Now...gather up the whole shazam and send it off to:

Gladys Pinch
Membership Director/BMIFC
PO Box 1649
Covina, California 91722

Whoops...almost forgot. If you've renewed your membership in the last ten weeks you can forget this whole experience...your membership is still valid.

HOORAH!! HOOPLA!!

Roll out the Red Carpet...Tap a tender touch on the tush...Cause the following members of the BMIFC have enrolled three new members and now officially join the Gold Album Circle. As a special "Thank You" each new Gold Album Circle member will receive a print of the Victor Skrebniski photograph of Barry used on the cover of the "One Voice" album. The new Gold Album Circle members are:

Mary L. O'Sullivan	Gaithersburg, MD
Stephanie Trombley	Fitchburg, MA
Hazel Adler	South Wales, G.B.
Bonnie Krumholz	Santa Monica, CA
Alice Vettilo	Chicago, IL
Lee Ann Moyer	Sunbury, PA
Cookie Anna	Chicago, IL
Debbie Schaefer	Hauppauge, NY
Cindy Kienzer	Peoria, IL
Janis McCoy	New Castle, DE
Rosemary Parks	Maple Shade, NJ
Angela Murphy	Medford, MA
Jan Roth	Fallston, MD
Diane Raub	Allentown, PA
Sharon Markovich	Alpena, MI



datelines

Cast away all those images of an idle star basking in the sunlight of success after an exhaustive year on the road. Cause our man Barry is already back at work with a New Year's schedule that looks something like this:

JANUARY...Is time to get back to the piano, hard at work on new songs, new arrangements, and new material for possible consideration for Barry's next album...which, by the way, will be his Tenth. Some of the new songs have already been recorded in "demo sessions" to give Barry a chance to play them back and see how well he likes them on the second time around.

FEBRUARY...Is set aside for Barry to put together both the act and the material that he will present to Vegas, Tahoe, Atlantic City, and Florida audiences on his Mini-Tour.

MARCH...Means Barry will head for the rehearsal studio, team back up with his band and singers and go to work to put the finishing touches on his Mini-Tour show. If time allows...he also hopes to record a few more demos for album consideration. Then, it's time to pack-up the trunks, say good-bye to Bagel, lock the front door and head out on the Road.

HEY...COOL IT!!!

Boy...are we disappointed. It seems that some of our members...or at least we think they're members... have been sending out ads to the people we've included on our list of PenPals. And guess what they've been advertising? Pictures of Barry. That's right. And in their ads they imply that they have "Official" or "Special" pictures of Barry. Wrong. What they really have are telephoto lenses and the same seats at the concerts that many of you purchased this summer. So a word to the wise...know what you're buying. The only official photos of Barry are the ones he okays to either go into the BarryGram, be printed in the Program Book...or released to the newspapers. They are not...repeat, are not, the pictures sold by the ads you might receive in the mail.

IT'S OFFICIAL

That's right. Mark your calendars and pick up the phone. Because here... before your very eyes...is the official schedule for Barry's 1981 Spring Mini-Tour.

April 9-12	Ceasar's Lake Tahoe, Nevada
April 16-22	Riviera Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada
May 2-9	Resorts International Atlantic City, New Jersey
May 13-17	Sunrise Theatre Fort Lauderdale, Florida

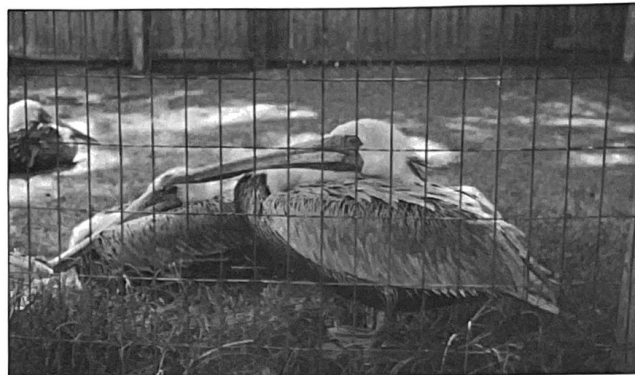
FEATHERED FRIEND

From the Most Unusual Gift Department...we thought you'd appreciate these two classics that arrived just in time to find a place in Barry's stocking:

Look up...it's a bird, it's a plane, no...it's "Manilow Magic"...Barry's first real star...named after Barry...registered in the Big Book of Stars...and forever

more to shine down upon us...Barry's star is a special gift from a very special anonymous fan.

And...from Robin Grean... (Barry's hot redhead singer)...Barry received official certification that a Brown Pelican was now being cared for (in Barry's name) at the SunCoast Seabird Sanctuary in Florida. What else would you expect from a Robin?



hollywood hotline

by Cary Lane

Hi gang...it is I. Ready to tickle your tibia with tidbits of taunting teasers from tinseltown. Boy is that ever a mouth of mush. Enough, enough...here goes.

IT'S IN THE BOOK...That's right...Barry's new album, "Barry" is already in the books as registered Platinum with more than 1,000,000 copies crossing the countertops... and that's just in the United States. Miss L, here, predicts that "Barry" just might be Barry, Barry, big.

COULDN'T YA JUST DROP DEAD? After all those frantic waits outside the stagedoor...along the freeway...in the hotel lobbies...diehard fans have learned (and Barry's Chief of Security has confirmed) that Barry registered at each and every hotel under the name of K. Rosenberg. K. Rosenberg? That's right...you remember. Every night Barry announced on stage that "there was probably a Kunta Rosenberg in my roots." Can't say he didn't warn us.

HEARD IN THE HALLWAYS OF HOLLYWOOD...It seems that talk of another movie has now, once again, surfaced round the offices of Mr. M and his agent Sue Mengers. Studio locals report that a certain major studio has script in hand and can't wait to roll 'em.

IN THE NEVER ENDING LAND OF TOUR...There are already firm dates set for a Mini-Tour this Spring in certain Sunny locales in the States...Then...and don't say I didn't warn you...there's talk of a major Fall Trek to those places that were missed on the 1980 schedule.

BARRY GOES HEAVY METAL...Not quite...but close enough...as "One Voice" will soon be certified DOUBLE PLATINUM and "Barry" SINGLE PLATINUM.

GUESS WHO?...You got it...Both "Barry" and "Manilow Magic" (The UK single LP version of "Greatest Hits") placed Barry as the only artist with two...count 'em two...albums on England's current list of Top Ten albums.

SCORCHED? I doubt it...seems that certain Hot Flash reporters for certain national publications jumped the gun (and their sources) and announced (incorrectly) that Barry had purchased an \$11 million manse in Beverly Hills. The truth? Well...I asked none other than the man himself and was informed not only that he didn't...but wouldn't. After all...what can one guy do with 14 bathrooms? So from now on gang...read it anywhere...but believe it here. From Hollywood...that's life in the fast lane...and that's all for now. This is Cary Lane. Saying good-bye...and keep on shining.



THE BARRY MANILOW INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER is published just about every three months in spite of the complaints of our readers, the cries of our creditors, and our own better judgement. Any semblance of truth is purely accidental and will be eagerly retracted. This month, those hanging around the office with seemingly nothing to do include:

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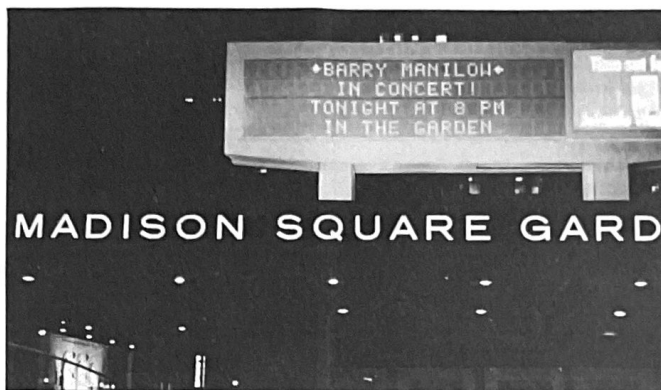
WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE?

Seems that while we've been off worrying about the final throes of the Tour they've created this new thing called a credit card and...much to our chagrin...they told Mickey how to use it.

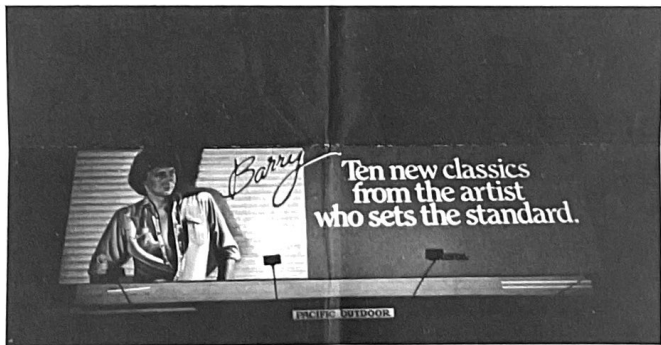
What that means to us is a lifelong list of minimum monthly payments. What that means to you however, is a new, and easier, way to order your favorite Manilow Mania Merchandise.

Now...just by jotting down the number of your VISA or MASTERCARD, signing your name, and filling out the order form...you can speed delivery of all the latest and greatest. Also...be sure to include that four digit bank number (MasterCharge only), your signature, the expiration date, and a daytime phone number just in case we have to call you about an order. So far, that all sounds very confusing. If it is...don't worry. Most of the requirements to use your credit card are very simple once you look at our new order form.

We all hope this new service will make it easier for you to complete your Manilow Mania Collections. So many of you have written to ask that we accept credit cards...we thought we ought to give it a try. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope it works.



BACKSTAGE IN ATLANTIC CITY... Barry said hello to the ABE-BMFC'S (L to R) Kim Venessert, Diane Raub, Barry, Chris Kline, and Joyce Adams.



THAT'S ALL FOR NOW

That's right...that's all. More because we've run out of space rather than because we've run out of good things to share.

For many of you...this is our only chance to do just that...share the news, jokes, and concerns that mean so much to us all. Unfortunately it seems that we are on a never-ending climb up a mountain of letters...and that no matter how hard we try...we never seem to be able to answer them all. Just in case your letter is now bogged down in that great paper chase; I hope you understand that we try to put just as much of ourselves into the BarryGram as we do to all those hundreds of letters that we are able to answer each day.

Someday I'd like to tape our staff meeting so you'd know what I mean. Over in the

corner someone will yell out "Make sure you answer so-and-so's question about memberships...I haven't had a chance to write back yet." Or MadMan will go ahead and offer a second chance to buy a certain item because so many of his crazy cronies have sent in a special request. I guess what I'm trying to say is that you're all very special...to all of us. I hope you realize that...and enjoy the special rewards of belonging to the BMIFC as much as we do in offering them to you.

Love ya...

Kate Naughton

Kate Naughton

manilow mania

Something old...something new. Something for me...and something for you. That's my motto gang...and don't worry, for once again, old Mic won't let you down. I've got old stuff...and new stuff...and most of all I've got great stuff...with a capital "G" by the way. And...from deep, deep down in the dark, dank depositories of delectable delicacies I have dug up several magnificent manifestations of Manilownium that for the first time will be offered at super special, because your my good buds and special friends, prices. In essence...my friends...a sale. That's right...a sale. With good prices...and good times...for certain items of good stuff. So read along...fill out your order on my new order form...then send it along with your cash, check, money order, or credit card information to me...the MadMan of Morgan at StarGlow, Ltd.

new stuff

- ITEM 81A ONE VOICE TICKER**
...What goes on Tour and keeps on ticking? None other than a "One Voice" wristwatch. Ladies round watch with black strap featuring the "One Voice" logo in gold on a round, black face. Shipped in its own gift box. A great gift for Birthdays or Graduation... \$50.00
- ITEM 81B STICK 'EM UP...**
Or down...or on. They're a set of two Manilow Music Bumper/Book/Window/Bike/Etc. Stickers. One says..."I Believe In Manilow Music"...the other "Stop Noise Pollution... Listen to Manilow Music." Combination of white and blue on self-adhesive paper. Each measures 3 1/2" x 11"...Both stickers sold as a pair... \$1.00
- ITEM 81C FOREIGN PASSES**
...Previously available only during Barry's tour of England...these black enameled pins on a gold colored background were brought back from overseas just for the BMIFC. Available only until our existing supply runs out...these are truly collector's items... \$3.00

ITEM 808 **HOODED PULLOVER**
...Crisp white long sleeved pullover with the World Tour Logo in black... 50/50 blend of cotton/polyester... great weight for beach parties, tennis, jogging, or just a casual slipover. Comes in Misses sizes...S/M/L/XL Please be sure to specify your size... **\$10.00**

ITEM 80D Pack up all your cares and woes...school books...lunch...or whatever...in this nifty nylon backpack. Black with the World Tour Logo in white...zipper top and two adjustable shoulder straps. **BACKPACK \$8.50**

ITEM 80F **NEEDLEPOINT...**
Needlepointers unite with our custom 8" x 10" needlepoint kit...tan background with the World Tour Logo in white. The pros tell me that this complete kit is a real steal at **\$15.00**

ITEM 80G **1980 WORLD TOUR POSTER**...Available now for less than the posted price while Barry was on Tour. Limited supplies are still available for this soon-to-be collector's item **\$3.00**

ITEM 79S **1980 WORLD TOUR BASEBALL JERSEY...**
White body with black sleeves and black World Tour logo. Available in S/M/L/XL at the new sale price of only \$6.00. Please don't forget to specify your size. And remember...the price per shirt is now only \$6.00

OK my friends...that's all for now. Hope you're able to find something either you...or a very special friend...might like. Now please be sure to use the order form...and make sure you tell me what size to send.

See ya next issue.

Mad Man Mickey
MadMan



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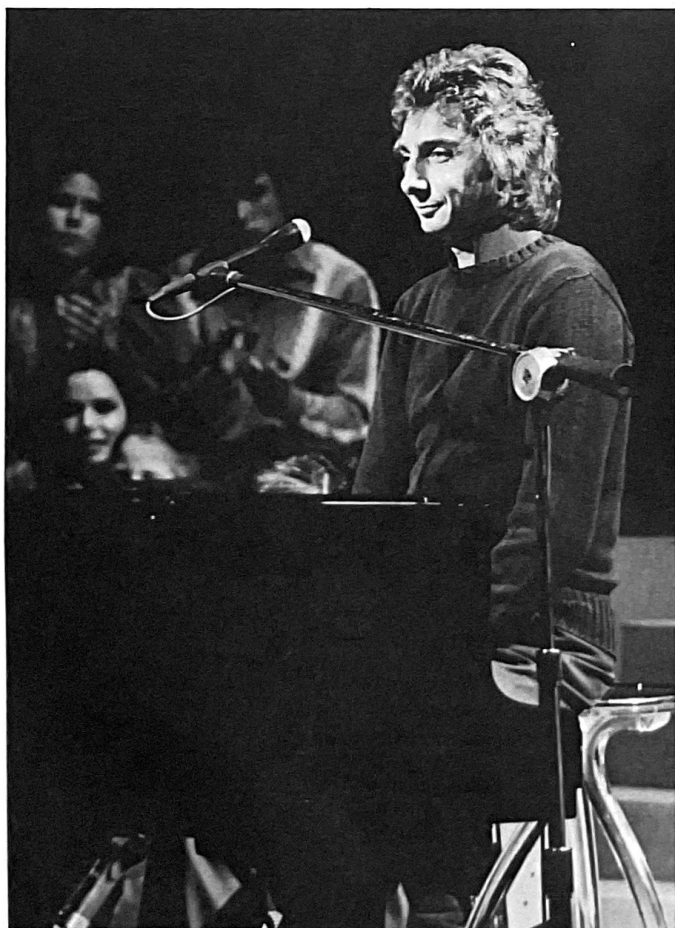
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Hi Friends...

Boy, I can't believe that the holidays are over. It seems like only yesterday (in fact, maybe it was only yesterday) that thoughts of St. Nicholas were still in the air. Oh well, it was just another December...just another New Year's Eve...and now it's time to start just another year.

If your 1980 was a good year...then I hope you have a 1981 that's even better; and if your 1980 wasn't so hot...let's hope your 1981 really starts cooking.

Looking back, I realize that we just finished a real sizzler. Barry's Tour was a major success...our membership grew and grew...and grew...and we finished the year with "BARRY"...yet another major record-breaking record for Mr. M.

But if 1980 was a sizzler...look out...cause 1981 is already starting to scorch. There are already rumors of a Tour in new cities...talk about a new album...and the never ending flickers of hope about Barry in his first flick.

On the home front, Mad Man is over in the corner where he just discovered the joys of a credit card and made a good deal on a bridge. Up front, Gladys is welcoming new members like crazy; and Alicia is sifting through stacks and stacks of cards and gifts.

From all of us, by the way, I should add that your notes of thanks to our crew for getting the answers...digging up the facts...and tracking down your orders...really mean a lot.

And from me...and my family...your personal notes for the Holidays have been especially touching.

My wish to you is a New Year filled with all the joy...love and happiness that you have so willingly shared with Barry and us all during 1980.

With love...

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Naughton".

Kate Naughton